

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
SECURITIES DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING  
whether there has been a violation of the  
Securities Act of Washington by:

Robert DeGroot; Equity Programs  
Corporation; Barton Switzer; Santa Clarita  
Ventures LP; BSD Real Estate Equities, LLC;  
Wes Development Company; Brenton  
Rothschild Group Ltd.; Booth Colorado  
Corporation;

Respondent.

Order No. S-03-072-04-CO01

CONSENT ORDER

**INTRODUCTION**

On December 2, 2003, the Securities Division, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Washington (the "Securities Division"), issued Statement of Charges S-03-072-03-SC01 (hereinafter referred to as the "Statement of Charges") against Respondent Robert DeGroot, Equity Programs Corporation, Barton Switzer, Santa Clarita Ventures LP, BSD Real Estate Equities, LLC, WES Development Company, Brenton Rothschild Group Ltd., and Booth Colorado Corporation Jr. Pursuant to the Securities Act of Washington, RCW 21.20, the Securities Division and Respondent Robert J. DeGroot do hereby enter into this CONSENT ORDER in settlement of the above captioned matter. In the Statement of Charges, the Securities Division made certain allegations and conclusions, set forth under the headings "Tentative Findings of Fact" and "Conclusions of Law." Respondent Robert J.

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DeGroot neither admits nor denies the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, which are incorporated by reference into this Consent Order.

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Based upon the foregoing,

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Robert DeGroot shall cease and desist from violation of RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud section of the Securities Act of Washington.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Robert DeGroot shall cease and desist from violation of RCW 21.20.140, the securities registration section of the Securities Act of Washington.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Robert DeGroot's securities salesperson license shall be suspended for a period of one year, effective March 30, 2004 and terminating on March 30, 2005. Thereafter any broker-dealer with whom Robert DeGroot associates must provide the Securities Division with a written acknowledgement that Robert DeGroot will be subject to heightened supervision. The time period that Robert DeGroot will be subject to heightened supervision, which shall be no less than one year, will be left to the discretion of his sponsoring broker-dealer.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Robert DeGroot shall be subject to a fine in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount being suspended based on future compliance with this Consent Order. Robert DeGroot shall pay the remaining Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of the fine in the following manner: (1) he shall pay \$833.33 on or before the date of entry of this Consent Order, and (2) he shall pay \$833.33 every month for 10 months thereafter, followed by a last payment of \$833.37 within 12 months of entry of this order. Failure by Robert DeGroot to make such payments shall be grounds to vacate this Consent Order.

1 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent  
2 Order.

3 In consideration of the foregoing, Robert J. DeGroot waives his right to a hearing on this matter  
4 and to judicial review of this matter pursuant to RCW 21.20.440 and Chapter 34.05 RCW.

5 SIGNED this 15th day of September, 2004.

6 Approved for entry by:

7 FOSTER PEPPER & SHEFELMAN PLLC  
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9 /s/Roger D. Mellem

10 Roger D. Mellem, WSBA No. 14917  
11 Attorney for Respondent Robert J. DeGroot, Jr.

12 Signed by:

13 /s/Robert DeGroot

14 Robert DeGroot

15 THIS ORDER ENTERED THIS 23rd DAY OF September, 2004 BY:

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18 MICHAEL E. STEVENSON  
19 Securities Administrator

20 Approved for entry by:

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23 Martin Cordell  
24 Chief of Enforcement

20 Presented by:

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23 Chad C. Standifer  
24 Staff Attorney

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